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1. IN PARA 2 REF B DEPARTMENT REPORTED THAT DURING CONVERSATION WITH SECDEF MAY 9 PRIME MINISTER LEE KUAN YEW ASKED THAT U.S. PROVIDE COUNTERINSURGENCY TRAINING FOR MALAYSIAN AND SINGAPORE TROOPS ON TECHNIQUES AND TACTICS LEARNED IN VIETNAM. LEE REPORTEDLY LEFT AIDE-MEMOIRE WITH DOD ON THIS SUBJECT. REF A REPORTED TEXT OF AIDE-MEMOIRE REQUESTING MAP TRAINING DELIVERED TO DAO MAY 21, WHICH WAS SUBSEQUENTLY WITHDRAWN (REF C). HOWEVER, THIS AIDE-MEMOIRE MADE NO REFERENCE TO COUNTERINSURGENCY TRAINING.

2. EMBASSY REQUESTS CLARIFICATION WHETHER TEXT OF AIDE-MEMOIRE CITED PARA 2 REF B IS SAME AS TEXT REPORTED REF A. EMBASSY ASSUMES TEXT IS THE SAME AND THAT PRIME MINISTER LEE MERELY HAPPENED TO DELIVER AIDE-MEMOIRE ON MAP TRAINING TO SECDEF DURING CONVERSATION IN WHICH HE REQUESTED COUNTERINSURGENCY TRAINING. IF TEXT IS NOT THE SAME, PLEASE FORWARD IT ASAP. IN ANY EVENT, EMBASSY BELIEVES GOS DECISION TO WITHDRAW AIDE-MEMOIRE REQUESTING MAP TRAINING DOES NOT IN ANY WAY AFFECT OR ALTER LEE'S INTEREST IN COUNTERINSURGENCY TRAINING FOR MALAYSIA AND SINGAPORE. GRANT

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